

## Benefit Checklist for Maine –February 2009-September 2009

### Single / One person household

Monthly income is gross income, all sources including Social Security. If Medicare Part B premium of \$96.40 is withheld from your Social Security, it must be added in as part of gross income.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,670** and I am 62 or am disabled – You are probably eligible for Low Cost Drug Program. Saves you as much as 80% on generic prescription drugs and savings on some name brand drugs for covered diseases if you don't have Medicare yet. **If you do have Medicare, helps pay premium of Medicare Part D Plan, lowers co-pay on brand name drugs under Medicare Part D, pays 50% of Part D deductible, provides help on drug costs under Part D during any coverage gap (donut hole) period.**

☐ My monthly income in 2007 was **less than \$6,729**. Age does not matter. You may qualify for the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program. If you paid property tax or rent in 2007, and lived in Maine all of the year 2007, you might qualify for a refund. Deadline to apply for 2007 refund is June 1, 2009. Application for 2008 may be made after August 1, 2009.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,993 and I am at least age 60**. You may qualify for **Home Energy Assistance** to help pay some of your winter fuel costs. Application may be made between August 1, 2008-April 30, 2009. Call ACAP at 1-800-585-3053 to schedule an appointment to apply.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,430** and I am at least age 60. I have less than **\$3,000** in cash assets – You may be eligible for Food Stamps.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,745** and I receive Social Security.– You may be eligible for Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1) or, if less than \$1,549 Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB). Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 each month to your Social Security check. May also be eligible for very valuable extra benefits under the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$1,429** and I receive Social Security.– You may be eligible for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB). Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 each month to your Social Security check. Pays Medicare deductibles and co-insurance saving you from paying for a Medicare supplemental insurance. May also be eligible for very valuable extra benefits under the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$978**. I am at least age 65 or am disabled. I have **less than \$10,000 cash** and interest bearing bank accounts – You may be eligible for Maine Care. Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 each month to your Social Security check. Pays your Medicare deductibles and co-insurances, pays for some dental care, pays medical transportation.

☐ My monthly income is **less than \$677**. I am at least age 65 or am disabled and have **less than \$2,000 in cash** and interest bearing accounts – You may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). May provide some additional income and qualifies you for Maine Care benefits (see above).

For more information, an application for any benefit, or help completing an application contact  
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